

Doha Film Institute participates in Qatar National Day celebrations at Darb Al Saai

Doha, Qatar; 12 December 2019: In celebration of this year's Qatar National Day, the Doha Film Institute (DFI) is set to offer a wide range of family and film-related activities in **Darb Al Saai** from 12 - 20 December 2019, which will delight visitors from all age groups.

As part of the festivities, DFI will host a variety of hands-on activities and workshops that spread across three tents; **Geekdom**, the largest pop-culture event in the country, **ARC**, an interactive art exhibition, and a workshop area. Additional DFI will also host screenings of **Made in Qatar** films at the main theatre located inside Darb Al Saai.

In the workshops and activities section, children and families will have the opportunity to create and film their very own stories through the **Stop Motion Shadow** workshop and learn about the basics of film motion and animation through a **Flipbook and Zoetrope** workshop. There will also be a studio dedicated to educating visitors of all ages about the production process.

In addition, a selection of films will be screened from the DFI flagship program, **Made in Qatar**, which will be followed by an engaging discussion with the Qatari filmmakers. Furthermore, DFI will present its widely acclaimed engagement platforms, which were a huge success during Ajyal Film Festival 2019, **Geekdom** and **ARC**. **ARC** will celebrate the 'Art of Storytelling' through an interactive art exhibition consisting of a three-act structure: the setup, the confrontation, and the resolution. Qatar's largest pop-culture event **Geekdom** returns as the only community engagement platform for all videogames and pop-culture fanatics.

Last month, Qatar's largest pop-culture event **Geekdom** celebrated its winners and participating gamers after a successful run at the 7th Ajyal Film Festival, held at Katara Cultural Village. Presented by the Doha Film Institute in partnership with Qatar National Tourism Council, the event delighted visitors with video game tournaments, cosplay competitions and special feature films as part of the lively **Ajyal Creativity Hub**.

The tournaments, organized in partnership with Kanpeki, Qatar FGC, SSBQ, and Youth Hobbies Centre, hosted gaming communities and enthusiasts from around the country in a multi-videogame showdown. With over 350 participants, this year's Geekdom event proved immensely successful and was sponsored by FNAC, Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra, Sky Creative Trading & Contracting and Store 974.

Fringe board gaming activities such as D&D and Magic, organized in partnership with Qatar Tabletop Gaming Society and Qatar Tabletop RPG Community, accompanied the main gaming spectacle, which was live-streamed at Geekdom Café throughout the event days, while the Geekdom Talks series explored a variety of topics including Sci-Fi and Fantasy Production in Qatar.

The winners of the 2019 Geekdom video tournaments are:

Soulcalibur VI:

- First place: Abdullah Al-Darwish
- Second place: Mohammed Al-banai
- Third place: Mohammed Al-Kaabi

FIFA20:

- First place: Jassem Aleid
- Second place: Marwan Hussein
- Third place: Hamad Almannai

Overwatch:

- First team: Waffles Esports A
- Second team: Ignition Esports
- Third team: VZ

Super Smash Bros Ultimate:

- First place: Mohammd Alqahtani
- Second place: Saeed Al-Darwish
- Third place: Khalid Alali

Street Fighter V:

- First place: Ahmed Bin Mohammed
- Second place: Ahmed Aleter
- Third place: Abdulla AlMannai

Dragonball FightersZ:

- First place: Saoud Al-Emadi
- Second place: Mohammed Hussain AlAli
- Third place: Mohammed Al-Marwani

Tekken 7:

- First place: Abdullah AlFalasi
- Second place: Jassim Al-Thani
- Third place: Abdulaziz AlMasoody

Pokémon Go Society:

- First place: Kyle Babin
- Second place: Sakis Trispiotis
- Third place: Nayif Al-Kaabi

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About Doha Film Institute

Doha Film Institute is an independent, not-for-profit cultural organisation. It supports the growth of the local film community through cultivating film appreciation, enhancing industry knowledge and contributing to the development of sustainable creative industries in Qatar. The Institute's platforms include funding and production of local, regional and international films; skills-sharing and mentorship programmes; film screenings; the Ajyal Film Festival; and Qumra. With culture, community, learning and entertainment at its foundation, the Institute is committed to supporting Qatar's 2030 vision for the development of a knowledge-based economy.

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